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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A brake cable tool for facilitating removal of a parking brake cable from a housing of a vehicle, the brake cable tool comprising:

a head member being adapted for being positioned around the parking brake cable such that said head member engages a clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow removal of the parking brake cable from the housing; and

a handle member being coupled to said head member, said handle member being adapted for being gripped by a user such that said handle member is for positioning said head member with respect to the clip member;

said head member comprising a perimeter wall, said perimeter wall defining a bore extending through said head member, said bore being adapted for receiving the parking brake cable such that said perimeter wall is positioned around the parking brake cable, said perimeter wall of said head member being adapted for selectively engaging the clip member such that said perimeter wall disengages the clip member from the housing; and

said head member comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion, a diameter of said first portion being greater than a diameter of said second portion, said second portion being adapted for being inserted into the housing to depress clips of the clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow the parking brake cable to be removed from the housing.

2. (Cancelled)

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3. (Currently Amended) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 2
1, further comprising:

said perimeter wall comprising a slot, said slot extending through said
perimeter wall of said head member such that said slot is in communication
with said bore of said head member, said slot extending along a length of
said head member such that said slot is adapted for permitting the parking
brake cable to pass through said perimeter wall into said bore of said head
member.

4. (Original) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 3, further
comprising:

said slot of said head member being positioned diametrically opposite
said handle member to inhibit said handle member contacting the housing
when the parking brake cable is being positioned in said head member.

5. (Currently Amended) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 2
1, ~~further comprising: said head member comprising a first portion and a
second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion,
wherein said handle member being coupled to said first portion
, a diameter of said first portion being greater than a diameter of said
second portion, said second portion being adapted for being inserted into
the housing to depress clips of the clip member to release the clip member
from the housing to allow the parking brake cable to be removed from the
housing.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 5
1, further comprising:

said head member comprising a tapered portion, said tapered portion
being coupled between said first portion and said second portion, said
tapered portion strengthening the junction between said first portion and
said second portion.

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7. (Original) A brake cable tool for facilitating removal of a parking brake cable from a housing of a vehicle, the brake cable tool comprising:

a head member being adapted for being positioned around the parking brake cable such that said head member engages a clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow removal of the parking brake cable from the housing;

a handle member being coupled to said head member, said handle member being adapted for being gripped by a user such that said handle member is for positioning said head member with respect to the clip member;

said head member comprising a perimeter wall, said perimeter wall defining a bore extending through said head member, said bore being adapted for receiving the parking brake cable such that said perimeter wall is positioned around the parking brake cable, said perimeter wall of said head member being adapted for selectively engaging the clip member such that said perimeter wall disengages the clip member from the housing;

said perimeter wall comprising a slot, said slot extending through said perimeter wall of said head member such that said slot is in communication with said bore of said head member, said slot extending along a length of said head member such that said slot is adapted for permitting the parking brake cable to pass through said perimeter wall into said bore of said head member, said slot of said head member being positioned diametrically opposite said handle member to inhibit said handle member contacting the housing when the parking brake cable is being positioned in said head member;

said head member comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion, said handle member being coupled to said first portion, a diameter of said first portion being greater than a diameter of said second portion, said second portion being adapted for being inserted into the housing to depress clips of the clip

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member to release the clip member from the housing to allow the parking brake cable to be removed from the housing; and

said head member comprising a tapered portion, said tapered portion being coupled between said first portion and said second portion, said tapered portion strengthening the junction between said first portion and said second portion.

8. (New) A brake cable tool for facilitating removal of a parking brake cable from a housing of a vehicle, the brake cable tool comprising:

a head member for positioning around the parking brake cable such that said head member engages a clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow removal of the parking brake cable from the housing;

a handle member for being gripped by a hand of a user for positioning said head member with respect to the clip member, said handle member being coupled to said head member;

wherein said head member comprises a perimeter wall defining a bore that extends through said head member, said bore being configured to receive the parking brake cable with that said perimeter wall being positioned around the parking brake cable, said perimeter wall of said head member being configured to selectively engage the clip member such that said perimeter wall disengages the clip member from the housing; and

said head member comprising a first portion and a second portion coupled to said second portion, a diameter of said first portion being greater than a diameter of said second portion, said second portion being configured to be inserted into the housing to depress clips of the clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow the parking brake cable to be removed from the housing.

9. (New) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 8, wherein said perimeter wall includes a slot, said slot extending through said perimeter wall of said head member such that said slot is in communication with said

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bore of said head member, said slot extending along a length of said head member such that said slot is adapted for permitting the parking brake cable to pass through said perimeter wall into said bore of said head member.

10. (New) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 9, wherein said slot of said head member is positioned diametrically opposite of said handle member to inhibit said handle member contacting the housing when the parking brake cable is being positioned in said head member.

11. (New) The brake cable tool as set forth in claim 8, wherein said head member comprises a tapered portion, said tapered portion being located between said first portion and said second portion.